

Bylaws and Statutes Relevant to Commissioner Selection Process

State Board By-laws

Section 4.3 Duties of the Chair. The board chair shall

- 4.3.1. Preside at all meetings of the board.
- 4.3.2. Maintain liaison with other members of the board and with the commissioner when the board is not in session.
- 4.3.3. Work with the commissioner and persons appointed by the commissioner to develop meeting agendas.
- 4.3.4. Represent the board when occasion requires, and speak publicly for the board as a whole on positions of the board.
- 4.3.5. Unless otherwise specifically provided by law or motion, appoint board members to committees and subcommittees, and appoint the members of advisory committees that the board establishes.
- 4.3.6. Advise the commissioner at times when the board is not in session.

Section 6.2 Appointment of the Commissioner. The board shall determine the process for selecting a new commissioner subject to approval of the Governor. Candidates must meet the requirements of AS 14.07.145. The board will consider all relevant evidence of the candidate's fitness to be commissioner, such as a candidate's:

- 6.2.1 Knowledge, experience, and understanding of current best practices in education; Understanding of education reform;
- 6.2.2 Understanding of the educational issues facing Alaska, including both urban and rural schools and school districts;
- 6.2.3 Ability to work with all stakeholders and the administration;
- 6.2.4 Overall ability to lead the department and accomplish the board's goals.

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Alaska Statutes

Sec. 14.07.145. Commissioner of education and early development. (a) The board shall appoint the commissioner of education and early development subject to the approval of the governor. The commissioner shall be the principal executive officer of the department.

(b) The commissioner shall be appointed without regard to political affiliation and shall have at least a master's degree with five years' experience in the field of education since receiving it, with at least three of the five years in an exclusively administrative position.

(c) The commissioner serves at the pleasure of the board and may not be appointed by the board for a fixed term.

(d) The commissioner shall receive the salary set out in AS 39.20.080.

(e) The commissioner shall employ and remove all classified personnel in the department subject to AS 39.25 (State Personnel Act). The commissioner may employ and remove personnel in the exempt or partially exempt service subject to the approval of the board. Personnel in the exempt or partially exempt service have a right of appeal to the board if they are removed.

Sec. 14.07.150. Budget and fiscal authority. The commissioner has responsibility and authority for the preparation and execution of a budget and for the other fiscal affairs of the department, subject to the approval of the board.